

Application No. 10/608,918

REMARKS

In the office action of July 12, 2005, claims 46, 50, 52 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Barbehenn (US 5,929,789). Claims 1-3, 10, 11 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan (US 5,274,299) in view of Knierim et al. (US 5,600,352). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan in view of Knierim et al. and further in view of Jacobs et al. (US 5,563,591). Claims 12, 13 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Khan in view of Knierim et al. and further in view of Ito (JP 2004-239825A). Claims 51 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barbehenn. Claim 55 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barbehenn in view of Loewen (US 5,017,776). Claims 47 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barbehenn in view of Knierim. Claim 49 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barbehenn in view of Jacobs et al. Claims 22-30 are allowed.

The allowance of claims 22-30 is appreciated.

Rejected claims 1-4, 10-13, 20-21 and 46-55 have been canceled, and it is respectfully believed that the case is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fee is believed to be required for this response, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the Issue Fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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